

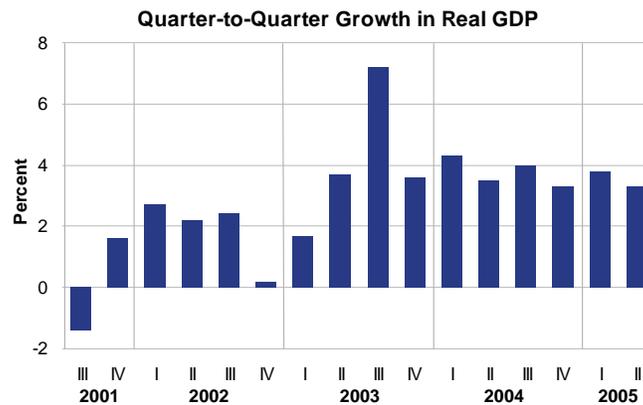
## GDP GREW 3.3 PERCENT IN SECOND QUARTER; PROFITS ROSE

*“Final” Estimates of GDP*

The economy grew at an annual rate of 3.3 percent in the second quarter, unchanged from the “preliminary” estimate released in August, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. In the first quarter, the economy grew at a 3.8 percent rate. BEA also released a revised estimate of second-quarter corporate profits, which increased 16.0 percent from the same quarter a year ago.

### Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

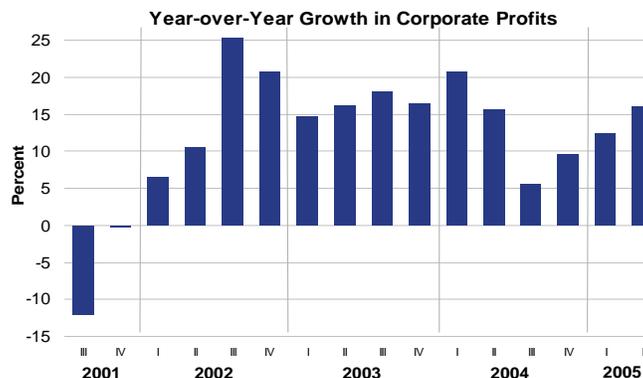
Consumer spending, exports, and business investment were the largest contributors to the 3.3-percent second-quarter increase. The lower GDP growth rate in the second quarter resulted primarily from a downturn in business inventory investment.



*Real GDP growth is measured at seasonally adjusted annual rates.*

### Corporate Profits

The 16.0-percent increase in second-quarter profits mainly reflected a rise in profits of nonfinancial domestic corporations. The increase in corporate profits was somewhat below the previously reported increase.



*Corporate profits growth is measured as the percent change from the same quarter one year ago.*

BEA data—including GDP, personal income, the balance of payments, foreign direct investment, the input-output accounts, and economic data for states, local areas, and industries—are available on the BEA Web site: [www.bea.gov](http://www.bea.gov).

NOTE: On October 28, 2005, the “advance” estimate of GDP for the third quarter of 2005 will be released.